

*chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act:* H.R. 1947, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act, and for other purposes.”.

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**Permission to File Report:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1947, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act.

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**Consensus Calendar:** Representative Courtney presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, it having accumulated 290 cosponsors.

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**Senate Referral:** S. 163 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4024.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4030–31 and H4031. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TO REVIEW ANIMAL PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “To Review Animal Pest and Disease Prevention and Response Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020 were ordered reported, as amended.

### MILITARY AND VETERAN SUICIDE: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel; and Subcommittee on Health of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Military and Veteran Suicide: Understanding the Problem and Preparing for the Future”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Executive Director, Office of Force Resiliency, Department of Defense; Captain Mike Colston, M.D., U.S. Navy, Director, Mental Health Policy and Oversight, Department of Defense; Keita Franklin, National Director of Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael W. Fischer, Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT: OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Eliminating Barriers to Employment: Opening Doors to Opportunity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### UNDERMINING MERCURY PROTECTIONS: EPA ENDANGERS HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Undermining Mercury Protections: EPA Endangers Human Health and the Environment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPROVING DRUG PRICING TRANSPARENCY AND LOWERING PRICES FOR AMERICAN CONSUMERS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Drug Pricing Transparency and Lowering Prices for American Consumers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Housing in America: Oversight of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development”. Testimony was heard from Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, M.D., Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY: KREMLIN TOOLS OF MALIGN POLITICAL INFLUENCE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy held a hearing entitled “Undermining Democracy: Kremlin Tools of Malign Political Influence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE TSA WORKFORCE CRISIS: A HOMELAND SECURITY RISK**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The TSA Workforce Crisis: A Homeland Security Risk”. Testimony was heard from John V. Kelly, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

**GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING THE CYBER TALENT PIPELINE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Growing and Diversifying the Cyber Talent Pipeline”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Election Assistance Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Election Assistance Commission officials: Christy McCormick, Commissioner and Chairwoman; Benjamin Hovland, Commissioner and Vice Chair; Don Palmer, Commissioner; and Thomas Hicks, Commissioner.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE REPORT BY SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III: FORMER WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL DONALD F. MCGAHN, II**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Report by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III: Former White House Counsel Donald F. McGahn, II”.

**EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Deputy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Margaret Everson, Principle Deputy Director, Exercising the Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**TRUMP’S WAR ON A MERIT BASED CIVIL SERVICE**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Trump’s War on a Merit Based Civil Service”. Testimony was heard from Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director of Management, Office of Management and Budget, Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management; Triana McNeil, Acting Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Norbert E. Vint, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

**THE NEED FOR RESILIENCE: PREPARING AMERICA’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Need for Resilience: Preparing America’s Transportation Infrastructure for Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from Susanne DesRoches, Deputy Director for Infrastructure and Energy, New York City Mayor’s Office of Resiliency and Office of Sustainability; Jason D. Averill, Chief of the Materials and Structural Systems Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

**INVESTING IN COMMUNITY: THE SBA’S COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE LOAN PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulation held a hearing entitled “Investing in Community: The SBA’s Community Advantage Loan Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl P. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration; and Michael A. Khouri, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

## PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Patients from Surprise Medical Bills”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter and Rogers of Washington; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020, 9 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine legislation to address the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold closed hearings to examine the reconciliation process in Afghanistan, 10:15 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, S. 249, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer

status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, S. 1025, to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, S. 1340, to authorize activities to combat the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.R. 31, to require certain additional actions in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria, S. Res. 74, marking the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity by honoring the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the people of Ukraine during and since the Revolution, and condemning continued Russian aggression against Ukraine, S. Res. 81, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, S. Res. 135, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II, S. Res. 184, condemning the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka, offering sincere condolences to the victims, to their families and friends, and to the people and nation of Sri Lanka, and expressing solidarity and support for Sri Lanka, S. Res. 188, encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, the nominations of Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, all of Department of State, a routine list in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 1:45 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, with the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael S. Bogren, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jason K. Pulliam, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental